

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 955

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WEBER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.145 and 115.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to voter registration of new residents.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 115.145 and 115.205, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.145, 115.205, 441.325, and 442.620, to read as follows:

115.145. Each election authority shall have the following duties with respect to registration:

(1) To conduct registration at its office or offices throughout the entire year, including any four-week period prior to an election for the purpose of registration of persons for subsequent elections, on all usual business days and during its regular office hours in the manner required by this chapter;

(2) To instruct and direct each deputy registration official in the performance of his or her duties including those agencies mandated and optional, including as optional any institution of higher education located in the state, under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and to supply each deputy with the proper registration forms and other necessary supplies;

(3) To designate the times, dates and places or areas for additional voter registration by any deputy appointed pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.143, and to publicize the times, dates and places or areas of such registration in any manner reasonably calculated to inform the public; provided, that the place or area for voter registration by deputies appointed

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 under subsection 3 of section 115.143 shall be located in the school for which the deputy has  
17 been appointed;

18 (4) Retain all voter registration records and registration list maintenance records for a  
19 minimum of two years. The election authority shall compile data from the records as may be  
20 necessary for compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993;

21 (5) Number or use another system of identifying the original agency of the voter  
22 registration application; **and**

23 (6) **Make available for landlords and realtors a packet of information for new**  
24 **residents, which shall include a voter registration form, instructions for the voter**  
25 **registration form, a written explanation that adults already registered to vote in the**  
26 **county will need to file a change of address, and any other information the election**  
27 **authority deems appropriate.**

115.205. 1. ~~No~~ **Any person [shall be] who is** paid or otherwise compensated for  
2 soliciting **more than ten** voter registration applications, other than a governmental entity or a  
3 person who is paid or compensated by a governmental entity for such solicitation, **shall be**  
4 **registered with the secretary of state as a voter registration solicitor.** A voter registration  
5 solicitor ~~[who solicits more than ten voter registration applications]~~ shall register for every  
6 election cycle that begins on the day after the general election and ends on the day of the  
7 general election two years later. A voter registration solicitor shall be at least eighteen years  
8 of age and shall be a registered voter in the state of Missouri.

9 2. Each voter registration solicitor shall provide the following information in writing  
10 to the secretary of state's office:

11 (1) The name of the voter registration solicitor;

12 (2) The residential address, including street number, city, state, and zip code;

13 (3) The mailing address, if different from the residential address;

14 (4) **Whether the voter registration solicitor expects to be paid for soliciting voter**  
15 **registrations;**

16 (5) **If the voter registration solicitor expects to be paid, the identity of the payor;**  
17 **and**

18 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) The signature of the voter registration solicitor.

19 3. The solicitor information required in subsection 2 of this section shall be submitted  
20 to the secretary of state's office with the following oath and affirmation:

21 "I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL  
22 STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT."

23 4. Any voter registration solicitor who knowingly fails to register with the secretary  
24 of state is guilty of a class three election offense. Voter registration applications shall be  
25 accepted by the election authority if such applications are otherwise valid, even if the voter

26 registration solicitor who procured the applications fails to register with or submits false  
27 information to the secretary of state.

**441.325. Upon signing a lease for a residence, a landlord shall provide a lessee  
2 with the voter-registration packet provided by the election authority of the county in  
3 which the residence is located, as described under subdivision 6 of section 115.145.**

**442.620. Upon the closing of a sale of residential real estate, a realtor shall  
2 provide a purchaser with the voter-registration packet provided by the election  
3 authority of the county in which the real estate is located, as described under  
4 subdivision 6 of section 115.145.**

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